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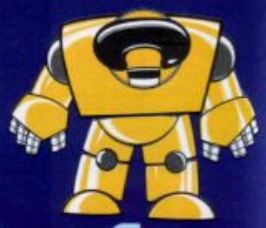

Your online guide to the sensational world of Sega and Sonic The Comic. Hosted by Megadriod.

Welcome Screen

Hey, Sonic Boomers!

Welcome to the very first issue of Sonic The Comic - Britain's brand new Sega-powered comic. Stay cool, things are about to get seriously intense!

Prepare to experience the hottest comic on the video game scene. Every fortnight your favourite Sega video game characters will come to life in all-new comic strip adventures. It all starts here with Shinobi, The Legend of Golden Axe, and, of course, our megastar, the world-famous Sonic The Hedgehog (what do you mean, 'who?').

That's not all. There are features, compos and fabulous free gifts - like the brilliant set of stickers attached to this issue's front cover. Where are you going to stick yours?

Then there's me, Megadroid. I'm your host for this and every issue of Sonic The Comic. I'll be taking you to whole new levels of video game excitement - we're talking Big Time here, Boomers. Oh yeah, this is the Control Zone, your launching pad to the Sega Superstars. Scope it out every two weeks for the hottest information, charts and Sega news.

And - I want to hear from you. Communicate with me on what you think about Sonic The Comic, Sonic himself or anything Sega. I think this is the start of a beautiful friendship.

Megadroid

Calling all Hotshots!

High Scorers, power players, arcade aces - SONIC THE COMIC wants to hear from you. STC will soon be featuring a regular high scores section in which you can show how good a hotshot you are. Not only that, but stand by for The Mega-Challenge. How well do you think you can do at a designated game against the clock? We'll find out.

Street Fighter 2 on the Mega Drive: Will this be a Mega-Challenge game?

How to Use This Comic

Instructions for activating Sonic The Comic.

1 Read the Strips

Your favourite Sega Superstars as you've never seen them before - in eye-sizzling comic strip form. Go beyond the game into all-new levels of action and excitement. Join Sonic The Hedgehog in a full-length complete story in every issue. Marvel at the continuing exploits of Shinobi, Golden Axe and Wonderboy in the weeks ahead. And after that...well, that would be telling.

2 Run the Zones

Sonic The Comic brings you the fastest news, reviews and tips service available - we're out every two weeks! Enter the News Zone, the Reviews Zone and even the mysterious Q Zone to become the best-informed Sega player around.

3 Give up Data

Get into Sonic The Comic in a big way. We desperately want your input. Send in your high scores, letters and drawings, take part in the Mega-Challenge, enter the great compos and win mega prizes! Scope out the mighty Data Strip inside the back cover. Fill it in - neatly - and have your say in the future of Britain's first Sega-powered comic!

The Sega Charts

Top Ten chart action for all the Sega systems. Check out your favourite games here every issue.

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MEGA DRIVE

1	—	PGA TOUR GOLF 2
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6	▲	SUPER OFF ROAD
7	RE ▲	BATMAN RETURNS
8	▼	PRINCE OF PERSIA
9	RE ▲	DONALD DUCK
10	—	AX BATTLER

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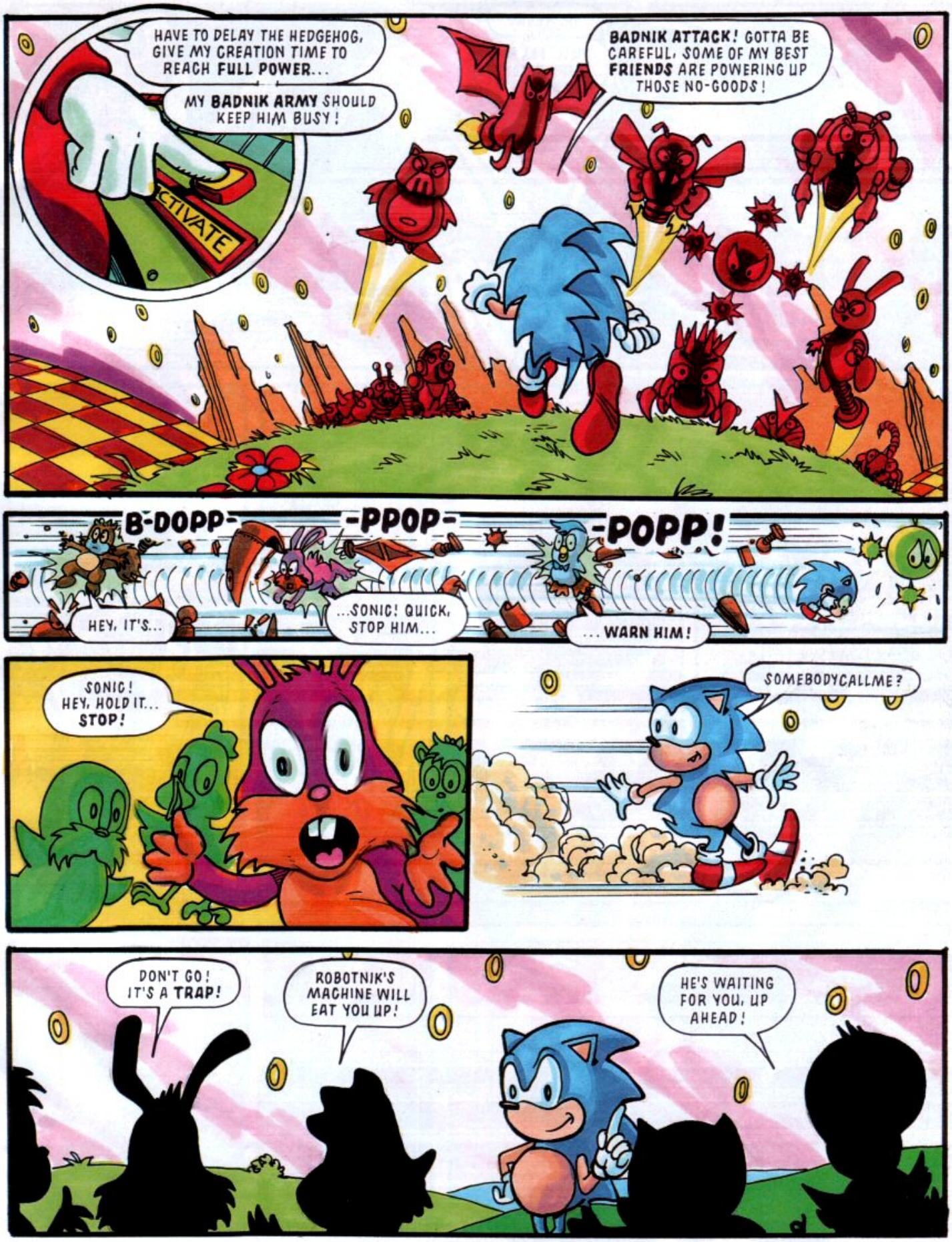
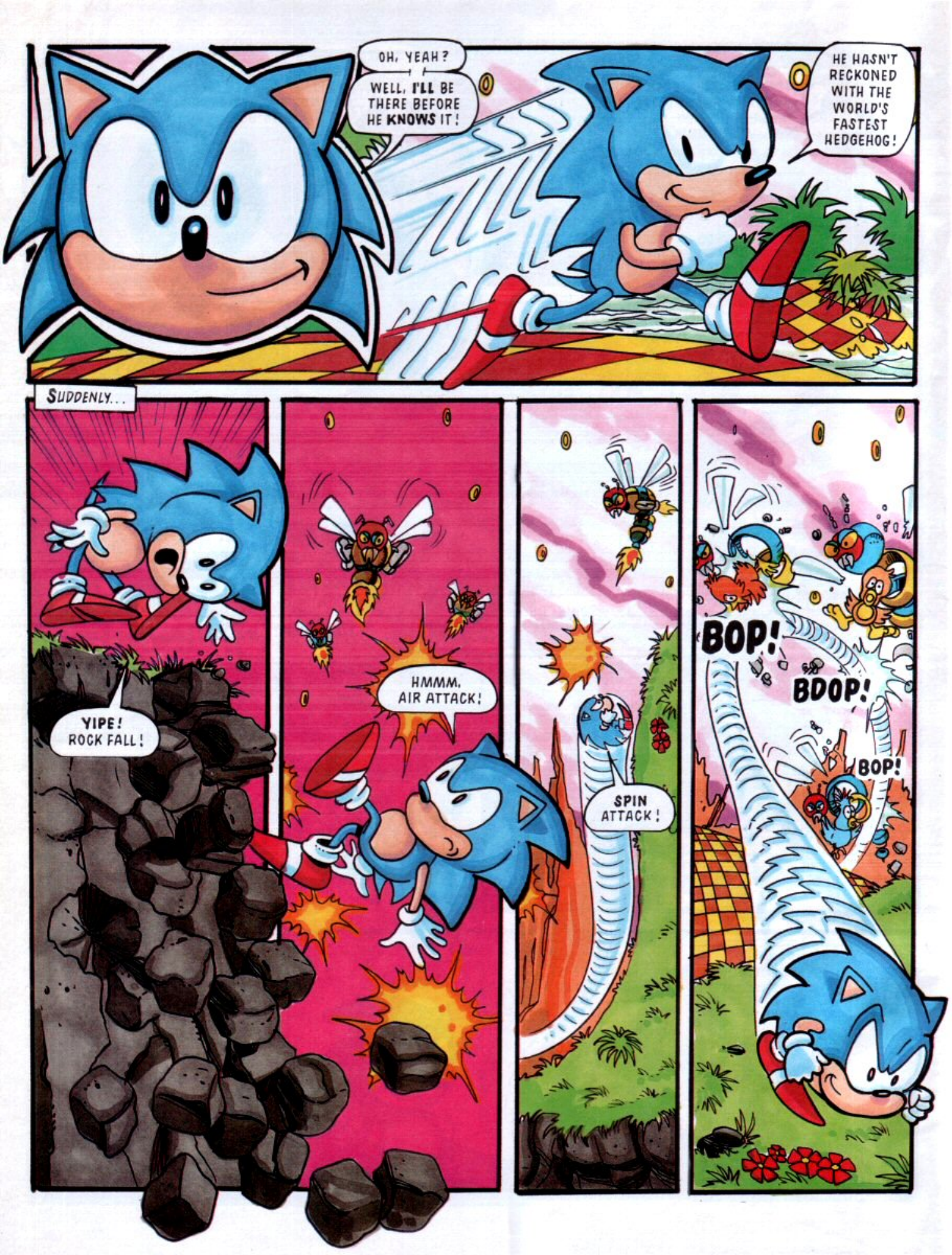
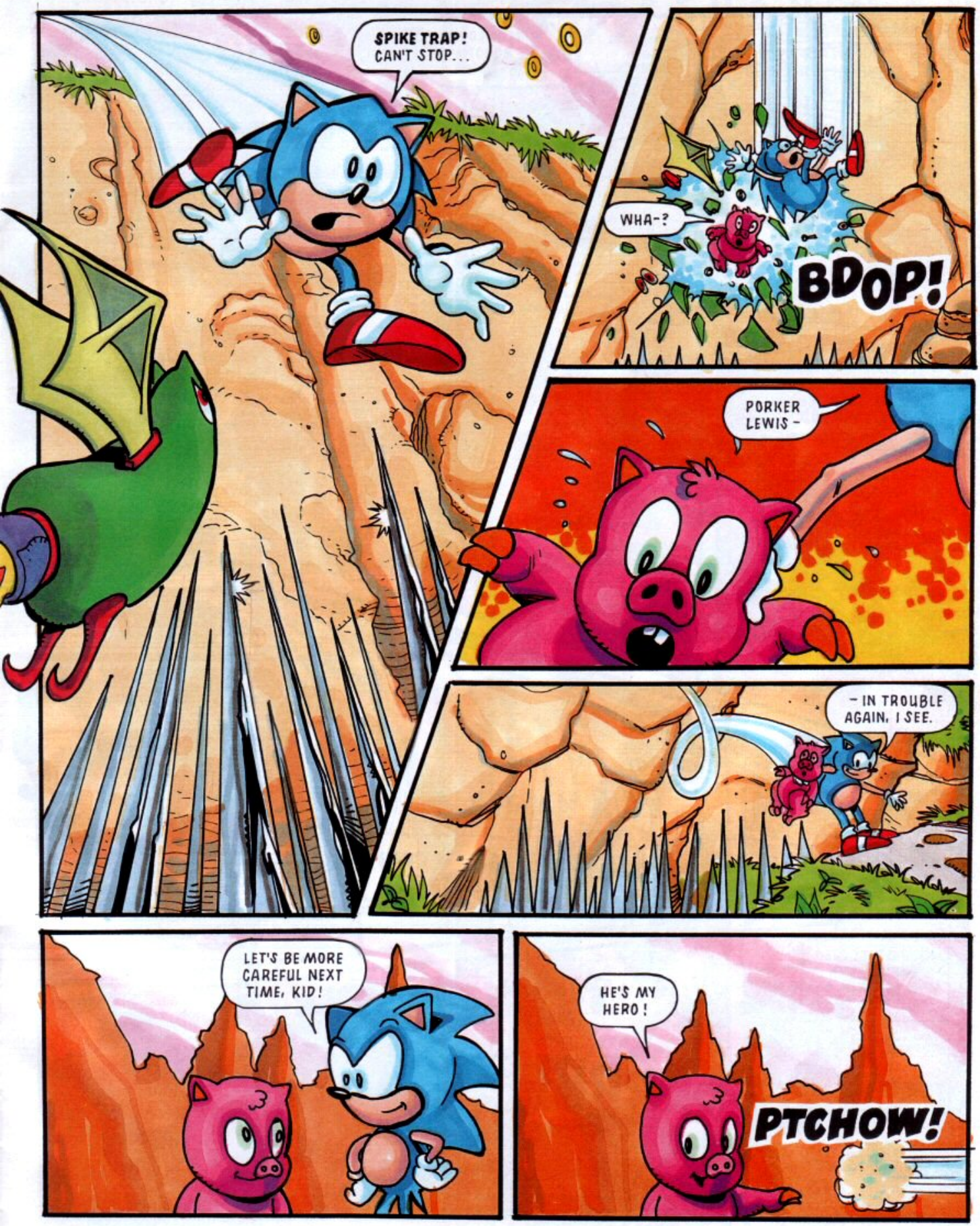
Sonic
THE HEDGEHOG
ENTER : SONIC
THE PLANET MOBIUS...
GREEN HILL ZONE.
FREE! THANKS, SONIC!
SPPDOINNGG
ELSEWHERE, A SINISTER FIGURE WATCHES.
HOW EGGS-ASPERATING! THAT HARD-BOILED BLUE BLUR HAS ESCAPED MY BADNIKS AGAIN!
BUT I, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK, GENIUS EGG-STRAORDINARY, HAVE A PLAN TO FIX THAT MEDDLING HEDGEHOG FOR GOOD!
NOT TO MENTION CONQUER THE WORLD!

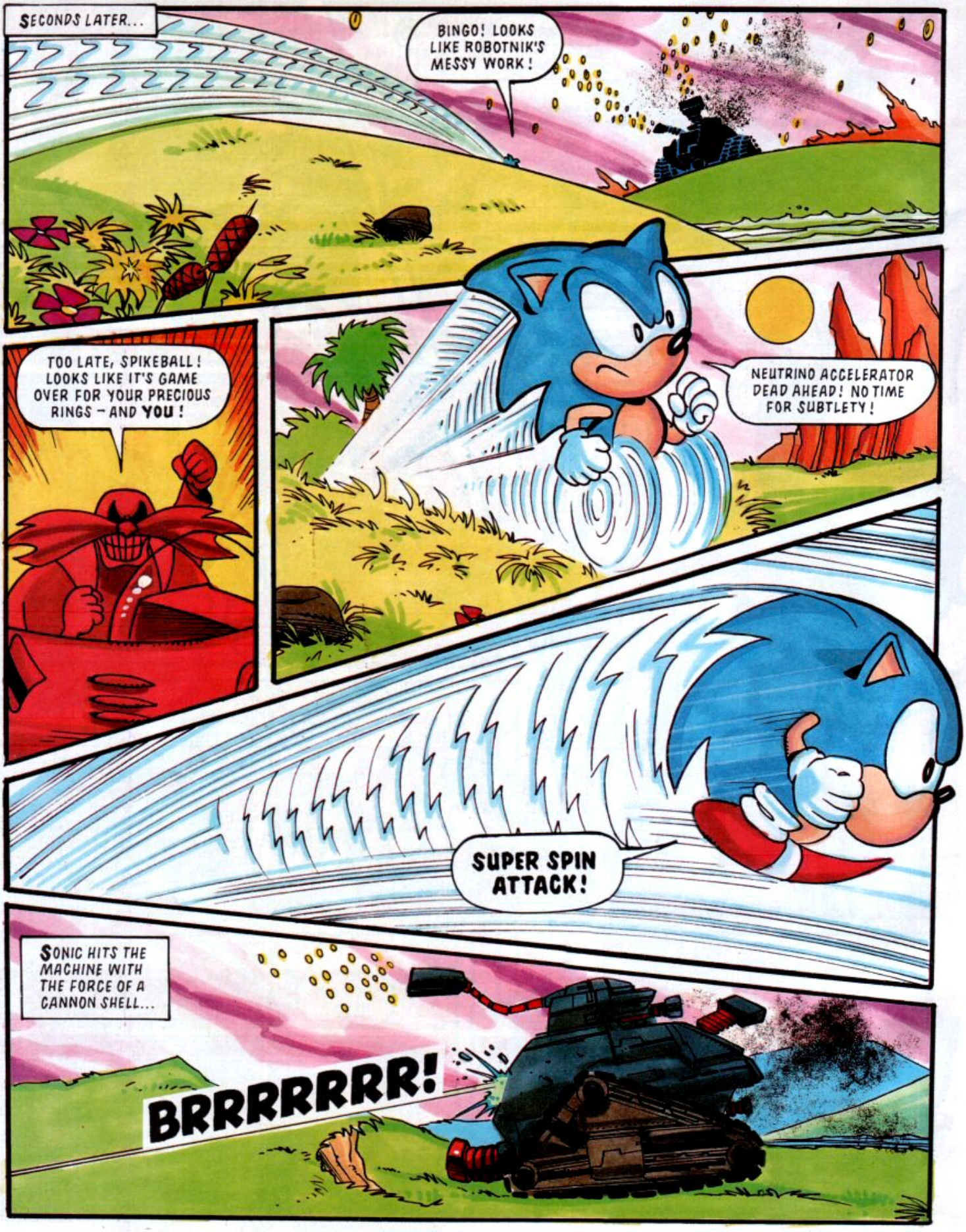
Script: Alan McKenzie Art: Anthony Williams Lettering: Tom Frame

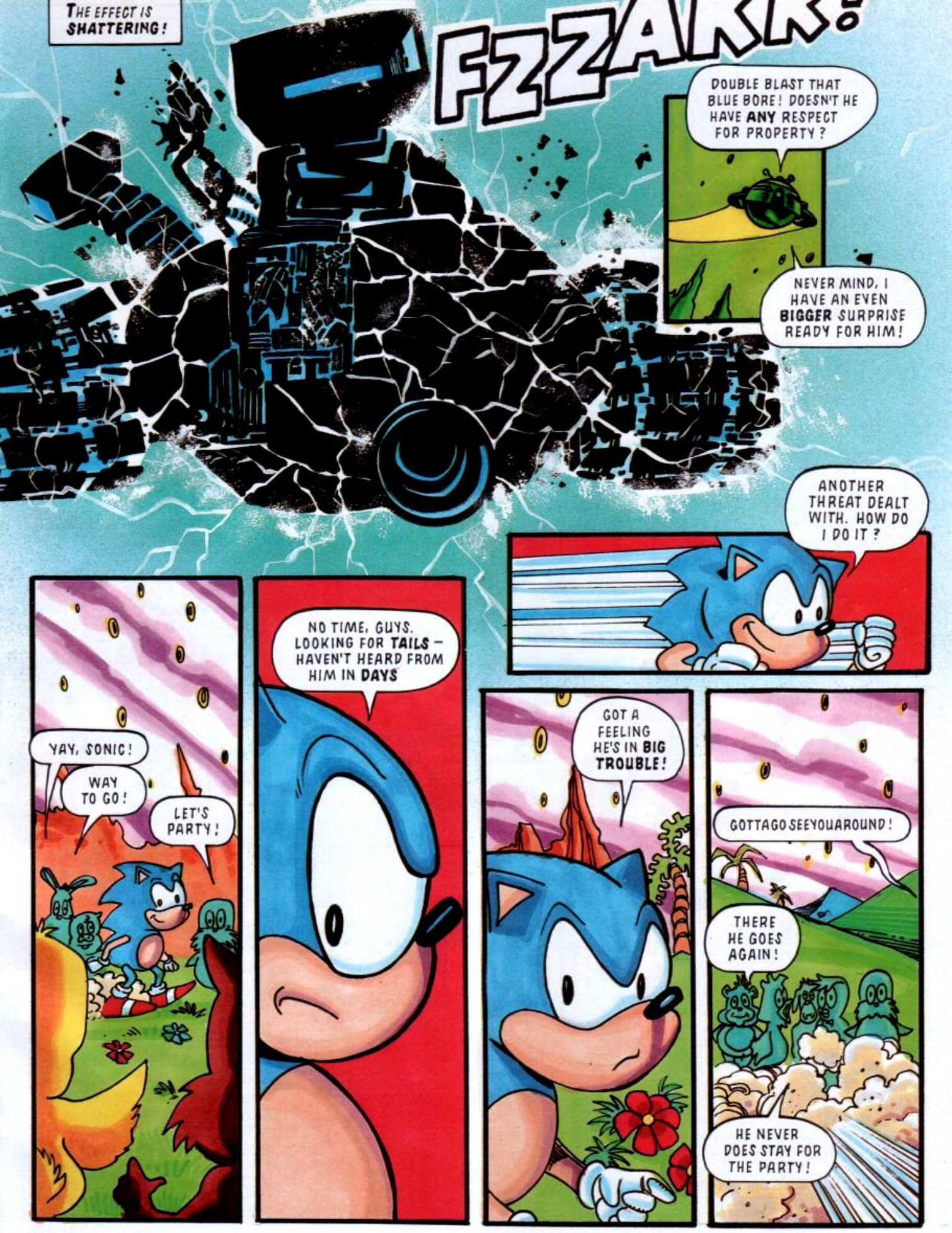
NOT ONLY WILL MY NEW INVENTION CRUSH SONIC INTO A MILLION BITTY HEDGEHOG NUGGETS...
...NOT ONLY WILL IT POLLUTE THE ATMOSPHERE OF MOBIUS FOR A THOUSAND YEARS...
...BUT IT'LL NEVER NEED REFUELLING BECAUSE IT RUNS OFF THE GOLDEN RINGS OF MOBIUS!
MY ENGINE OF DESTRUCTION IS UNSTOPPABLE!
AH, THERE ZOOMS THE LITTLE BLUE SPEEDBALL NOW!
EGGS-ACTLY ON TIME!
HEARD ABOUT ROBOTNIK'S MACHINE. SHOULDN'T TAKE ME TOO MUCH TIME TO PUT A STOP TO IT!


HAVE TO DELAY THE HEDGEHOG, GIVE MY CREATION TIME TO REACH FULL POWER...
MY BADNIK ARMY SHOULD KEEP HIM BUSY!
CTIVATE
BADNIK ATTACK! GOTTA BE CAREFUL, SOME OF MY BEST FRIENDS ARE POWERING UP THOSE NO-GOODS!
B-DOPP-
-PPOP-
-POPP!
HEY, IT'S...
...SONIC! QUICK, STOP HIM...
...WARN HIM!
SONIC! HEY, HOLD IT... STOP!
SOMEBODYCALLME?
DON'T GO! IT'S A TRAP!
ROBOTNIK'S MACHINE WILL EAT YOU UP!
HE'S WAITING FOR YOU, UP AHEAD!


OH, YEAH?
WELL, I'LL BE THERE BEFORE HE KNOWS IT!
HE HASN'T RECKONED WITH THE WORLD'S FASTEST HEDGEHOG!
SUDDENLY...
YIPE! ROCK FALL!
HMMM. AIR ATTACK!
SPIN ATTACK!
BOP!
BDOP!
BOP!


SPIKE TRAP! CAN'T STOP...
WHA-?
BDOP!
PORKER LEWIS -
- IN TROUBLE AGAIN, I SEE.
LET'S BE MORE CAREFUL NEXT TIME, KID!
HE'S MY HERO!
PTCHOW!


SECONDS LATER...
BINGO! LOOKS LIKE ROBOTNIK'S MESSY WORK!
TOO LATE, SPIKEBALL! LOOKS LIKE IT'S GAME OVER FOR YOUR PRECIOUS RINGS – AND YOU!
NEUTRINO ACCELERATOR DEAD AHEAD! NO TIME FOR SUBTLETY!
SUPER SPIN ATTACK!
SONIC HITS THE MACHINE WITH THE FORCE OF A CANNON SHELL...
BRRRRRRR!


THE EFFECT IS SHATTERING!
FZZAKK!
DOUBLE BLAST THAT BLUE BORE! DOESN'T HE HAVE ANY RESPECT FOR PROPERTY?
NEVER MIND, I HAVE AN EVEN BIGGER SURPRISE READY FOR HIM!
ANOTHER THREAT DEALT WITH. HOW DO I DO IT?
YAY, SONIC!
WAY TO GO!
LET'S PARTY!
NO TIME, GUYS. LOOKING FOR TAILS — HAVEN'T HEARD FROM HIM IN DAYS
GOT A FEELING HE'S IN BIG TROUBLE!
GOTTAGO SEEYOUAROUND!
THERE HE GOES AGAIN!
HE NEVER DOES STAY FOR THE PARTY!

NEXT ISSUE: CAUGHT LIKE A FOX!

REVIEW Zone

Enter the zone that brings you the up-to-the-nanosecond reviews of all the new releases for the Sega games systems.

TOM & JERRY

game type: ACTION

1 PLAYER

GG

Cat and mouse action with the famous cartoon double act. Jerry has grabbed a map off Tom and dashed away to find treasure. You, as Tom, must chase after him to reclaim the map

You journey across five different stages: Home City, The Ship, Deserted Island, Labyrinth and the final extra stage in your endeavour to catch Jerry.

Tom has to avoid nasty traps triggered by Jerry and carefully time leaps onto and across collapsing ledges. Very precise moves are needed to catch up with Jerry and you always have to think that one step ahead to avoid being frazzled! Nasties to watch out for (and avoid) include fish, cans, moles and mushrooms.

Tom and Jerry has some of the best cartoon graphics ever seen on an 8-bit machine and an original game style. Artificial Intelligence makes Jerry move in response to Tom and ensures that every game is that little bit different than the last.

- Tony Takoushi

MD Mega Drive

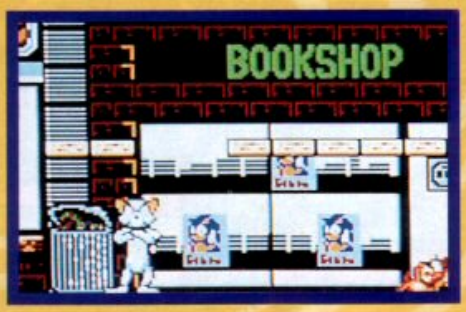
MCD Mega CD

MS Master System

GG Game Gear

STC Rating System

under 40% - Yawnsville
40 - 70% - Normalsville
70 - 80% - Fun City
80 - 90% - Big Time City
over 90% - Mega City!



FAST FAX

PUBLISHER	PRICE
SEGA	£24.99

GRAPHICS 80

SOUND 55

PLAYABILITY 70

RAVES
Gorgeous to look at and fun to play

GRAVES
Strange control system is off putting

OVERALL 70%

ROAD AVENGER

game type: DRIVING

1 PLAYER

MCD

This game will drive you crazy! You have to battle against SCUM (Secret Criminal Underground Movement) who have been off wreaking havoc in your city. As an off-duty cop you have to do your darndest to get them off the streets and get the city back to normal.

Your mission takes you across nine different scenes. There is a thumping rock soundtrack that will pump your socks off, especially if routed through your hi-fi system. Special surround sound effects really make you feel you are there with tires screeching and explosions to your left and right.

Visually, there are over 30 minutes of animated scenes with in-your-face close-ups and over-the-shoulder driving perspectives.

The action in this cartoon-animated game is controlled by pressing the D-pad or buttons at the relevant screen prompts. If your timing is out, so are you - in a spectacular crash scene!

- Tony Takoushi

THE FLINTSTONES

game type:
ACTION
1-2 PLAYERS

MD

Some days are kinda tough. Wilma has lost her necklace and sends poor old Fred off to find it, along with the salt shaker needed for his fresh dodo eggs.

There are masses of neat touches in this game, from Fred twirling his club if left standing, to ledge-swinging and dinosaur clubbing (with a heavy wooden object - not a night on the town!). Each stage has four sub-stages and if you lose a life it restarts you from the sub-stage you last passed.

The music is zippy and perfectly fits the action. If you hit the pause button Fred leans back on his club and takes a breather. There are plenty of hidden chambers and secret bonuses to be had so the emphasis is to search as well as get through the rounds as quickly as possible.

The Flintstones is a great game. It has many different stages to work through and each stage requires a different set of skills, from plain old clubbing (with a heavy...well, you get the idea) to shark fin riding to underwater capers.

- Tony Takoushi

FAST FAX

PUBLISHER SEGA

PRICE £39.99

GRAPHICS 75

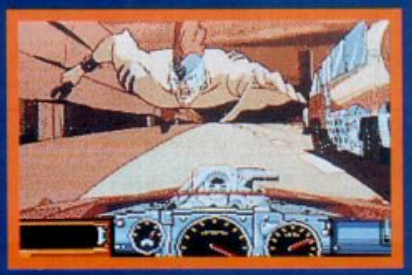
SOUND 80

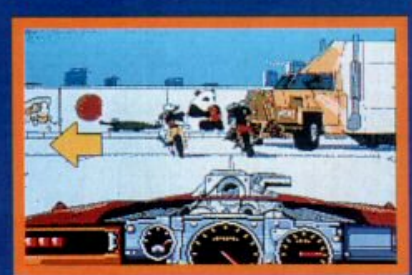
PLAYABILITY 85

RAVES
Heart-pounding action just sucks you into the game.

GRAVES
Only nine levels. Frustrating timing of some moves.

OVERALL 75%





FAST FAX

PUBLISHER SEGA

PRICE £39.99

GRAPHICS 85

SOUND 80

PLAYABILITY 80

RAVES
Stunning looker with great playability.

GRAVES
A little on the easy side for the experienced player.

OVERALL 85%

REVIEW

THE X-MEN

game type: ACTION

1-2 PLAYERS

MD

Marvel's merry band of mega mutants finally comes to the Sega Mega Drive. X-fanatics will find the graphic style and atmsopheric feel of the (ever growing!) X-comics line has been faithfully converted to the console format. Even down to text panels being used for messages on screen.

You have to combat the evil Magneto who has created the deadliest virus ever. He is now set to beam it to Earth from his asteroid command centre.

Players can choose to be either Wolverine, Cyclops, Nightcrawler or Gambit with the option of calling on the help of five other X-Men, including Storm, Rogue and Archangel. However, you can switch characters at any point in the action to utilise their various powers to their best effect. This facility adds a real strategic element to the gameplay, calling for brainpower as well as fast reflexes.

There a six huges zones to get through, from The Savage Land to Asterroid M, and plenty of power-ups to collect on the way. All in all an X-citing game!

- Tony Takoushi

FAST FAX

PUBLISHER: SEGA

PRICE: £39.99

GRAPHICS: 75

SOUND: 70

PLAYABILITY: 65

RAVES: Great graphics and atmospheric sound

GRAVES: Lacking in good action

OVERALL: 70%

JAMES BOND - THE DUEL

game type: ACTION

1 PLAYER

MD

Bond. James Bond? Yes, the secret agent with the famous phrase has returned in a new game from Domark. It's played over four levels of platform action ending with a final showdown between 007 and Jaws.

A mad professor has captured a satellite launch centre, including it's scientists, and plans to take over the world (surprise, surprise). Armed only with a gun, James Bond must battle guards and such 'friendly' folk as Jaws and the Voodoo Doctor to rescue the hostages, find and set off a bomb then escape before it goes off on each of the four levels, so saving the world.

Graphically the game is fine. Bond's movements, such as when he is loading his gun, look impressive. The sound is above average with decent tracks on each level and a great version of the James Bond theme tune on the menu.

If you are shot five times you lose a life which sometimes sends you back to the start. This gets very frustrating when you're near to completing a level.

This is a decent platform game aimed at younger players. The difficulty level is set just about right for the average player to make it an enjoyable challenge, although the later levels are tough.

- David Gibbon

FAST FAX

PUBLISHER: DOMARK

PRICE: £39.99

GRAPHICS: 78

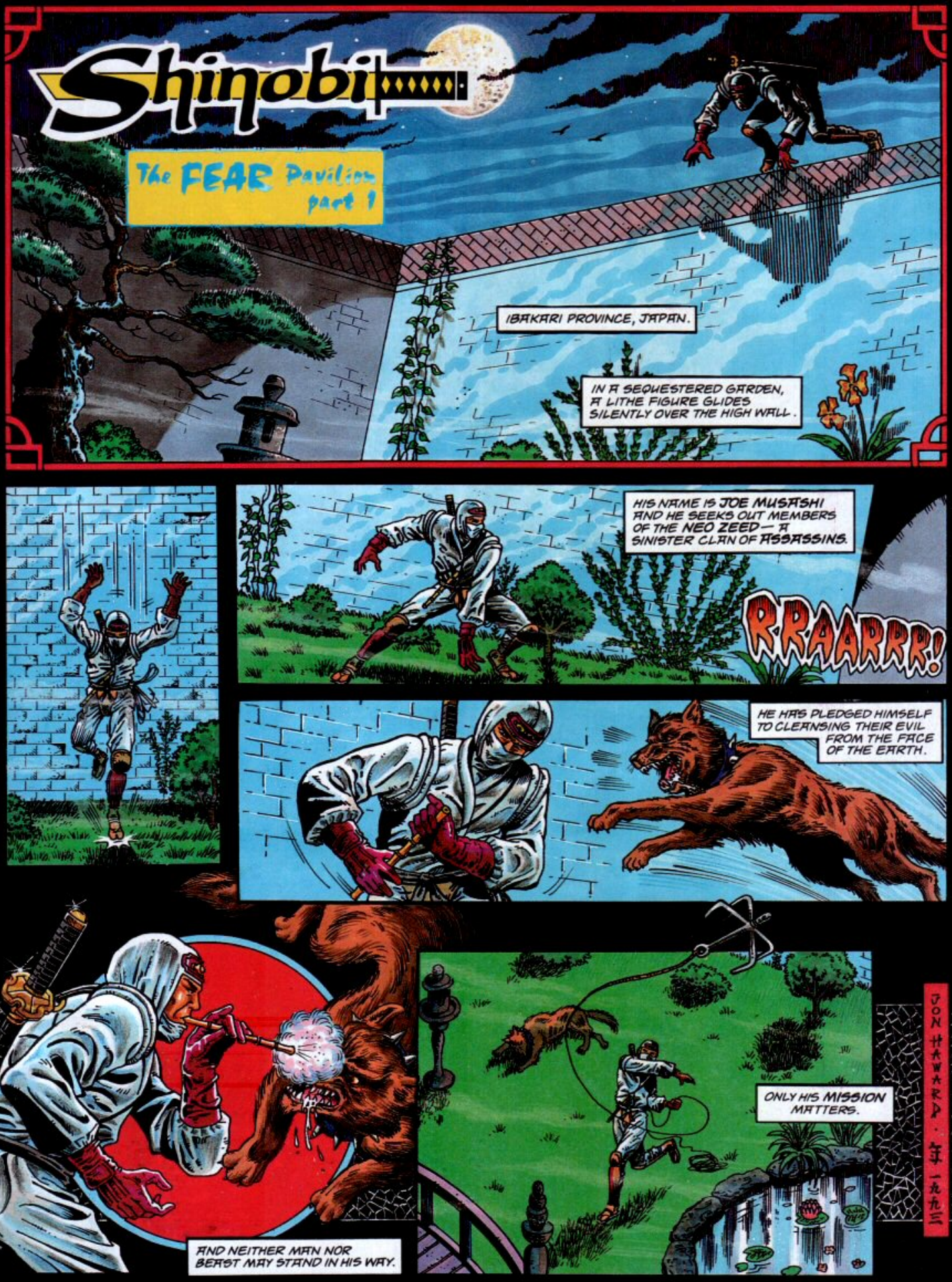
SOUND: 82

PLAYABILITY: 86

RAVES: Addictive qualities. Worth missing Neighbours for!

GRAVES: Only four levels. Not good value for money.

OVERALL: 79%


Shinobi
The FEAR Pavilion part 1
IBAKARI PROVINCE, JAPAN.
IN A SEQUESTERED GARDEN, A LITHE FIGURE GLIDES SILENTLY OVER THE HIGH WALL.
HIS NAME IS JOE MUSASHI AND HE SEEKS OUT MEMBERS OF THE NEO ZEED— A SINISTER CLAN OF ASSASSINS.
R-R-AARRR!
HE HAS PLEDGED HIMSELF TO CLEANSING THEIR EVIL FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH.
ONLY HIS MISSION MATTERS.
AND NEITHER MAN NOR BEAST MAY STAND IN HIS WAY.
Script: Alan McKenzie Art: Jon Haward Lettering: Ellie de Ville
JON HAWARD · 一九九三

HE SCALES TO THE ROOF OF THE ORNAMENTAL PAGODA.

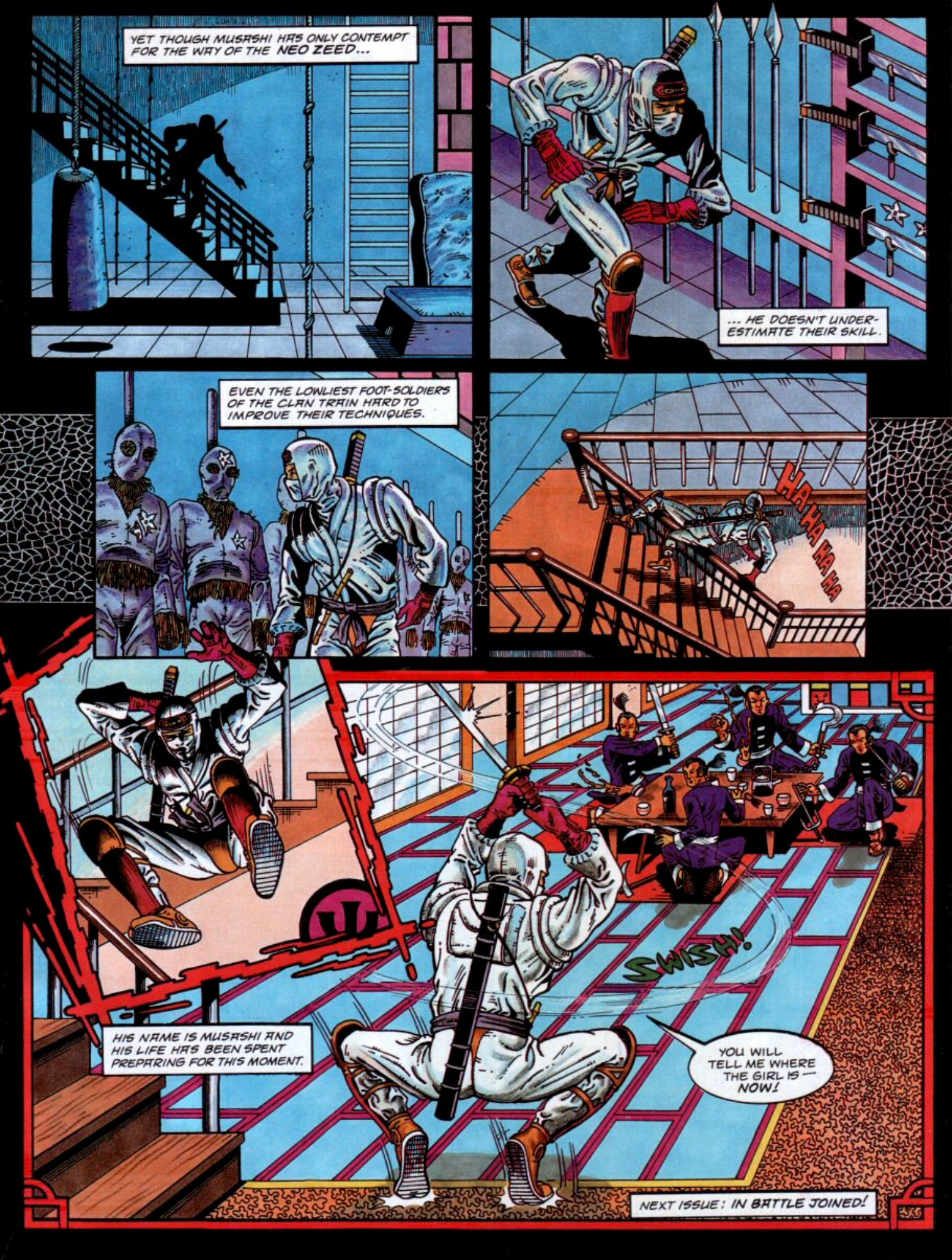
KLIK!

KLIK!

THE NIGHT HOLDS ITS BREATH.
NOTHING STIRS AT HIS PASSING.

SO COMPLETE IS HIS HARAGEI*...
* A NINJA'S RADAR-MEGADROID.
... HIS ENEMIES FAIL TO SENSE HIS NEARNESS.
TAP!
AHEM...
UNTIL IT IS TOO LATE.
WHAPP!

THWIPP!
CHOKK!
AND THOUGH HIS ENEMIES STRIVE TO KILL HIM...
WHOKK!
CHUKK!
...HE FIGHTS ONLY IN DEFENCE, AVOIDING THE LOSS OF LIFE.
FOR TO KILL INDISCRIMINATELY WOULD MAKE HIM NO DIFFERENT FROM THOSE HE BATTLES.


YET THOUGH MUSASHI HAS ONLY CONTEMPT FOR THE WAY OF THE NEO ZEED...
... HE DOESN'T UNDER-ESTIMATE THEIR SKILL.
EVEN THE LOWLIEST FOOT-SOLDIERS OF THE CLAN TRAIN HARD TO IMPROVE THEIR TECHNIQUES.
HA HA HA HA
SWISH!
HIS NAME IS MUSASHI AND HIS LIFE HAS BEEN SPENT PREPARING FOR THIS MOMENT.
YOU WILL TELL ME WHERE THE GIRL IS — NOW!
NEXT ISSUE: IN BATTLE JOINED!

NEWS Zone

Smooth New Two

Mega Drive and Mega CD get sleek new look

Sega's 16-bit power combo, the Mega Drive and Mega CD, are to be relaunched later this year with sleek new looks and modified features. But don't panic, beneath their streamlined new bodies the two machines are almost identical to the current models. All Mega Drive/Mega CD games will run without problem.

Designated the Mega Drive 2 and Mega CD 2, the cosmetically-challenged pair will launch Sega into the mid-nineties as the style leader of the console market. Let's take a closer look at what's new.

MEGA DRIVE 2

Basically the same machine as the current Mega Drive with the exception of a number of new design features.

- Smoother,sleeker shape.
- Single audio/video port and power socket only at the back of the unit.
- A/V port allows connection to standard TVs as well as monitors capable of arcade quality RGB pictures.
- Stereo sound now taken from the A/V port via a special cable - old headphone socket and volume control scrapped.
- Power and reset buttons moved to top centre of the unit and coloured red.
- Connection to the Mega CD2 by a recessed connector on the right-hand side.

MEGA CD 2

Streamlined like the Mega Drive. It is thinner and has a distinctly futuristic style.

- A pop-up lid replaces the original sliding drawer. A red LED to shows when the disc is being accessed.
- The new Mega Drive 2 slides in from the left on a moulded plastic base as against being top mounted.
- Special extender and edge connector so that owners of current Mega Drives can mount their consoles on the new Mega CD 2.
- All existing Mega CD titles will be fully compatible with the new Mega CD 2.
- Buttons are modelled in the same colour as the Mega Drive 2.

Prices and availability should be known by late summer. Keep watching STC's News Zone for more information.

Street Fighting Clan

Souped-up Street Fighter II hits Mega Drive

Streetfighter II is heading for a Mega Drive near you! The classic, mega-hyped Capcom fighter has been converted to the Sega 16-bit flagship with many extra features. Other versions will look like wimps in comparison!

The Mega Drive version is called Street Fighter II Champion Edition and retains all the graphics, sound, voices and music from the original. However, to show off the real processing power of the Mega Drive a whole host of new goodies have been added.

There is now World Warriors Tournament and Character vs Character modes.

You can choose the colours of the players' clothes and take the part of the Bosses in battle. The eight characters have new moves and the game itself actually plays faster than the arcade original!

Capcom have configured Streetfighter II Champion Edition to work with the new 6-button Sega Arcade Power Stick (see item elsewhere) for maximum control of punches, kicks and special moves.

Start saving for this hot game now - it's due on sale later this year, price yet to be confirmed.

Hail to the Champs

UK Sega Champ makes it a double-header

Karl is back! The 1993 UK Senior Sega Champion is 15 year old Karl Roberts from Port Talbot , who retained his coveted title at the UK Sega Challenge Final held on April 8th at the Williams Formula One Team Headquarters in Didcot, Oxfordshire.

Hosted by TV celebs Chris Evans from The Big Breakfast and Violet Berlin from Bad Influence, the Sega Challenge was, for the first time, split into two categories; 18 and under and 12 and under, with Karl winning the Senior Challenge and 12 year old Alan Son from Chelmsford in Essex leading the way in the Junior Challenge.

Players

The Sega Challenge, now in its fourth year, aims to find Britain's top-scorer on a range of Sega's most popular games. This year's ten finalists (five senior, five junior) were chosen from over 50,000 people who took the Challenge on the Sega Bus as it toured the country last summer.

In an action-packed final, set amongst disco lights, smoke machines and giant video screens, the challengers competed against each other on three of the hottest Mega Drive titles: Sonic The Hedgehog 2, Road Rash 2 and Thunderforce IV. A fourth game, Jaguar XJ220 on the Mega CD was sprung on them as a 'surprise' in the nail-biting finale.

Winners

After some hours of gruelling play the winners were announced and the prizes presented by Williams Formula One Grand Prix driver Damon Hill, who arrived at the Challenge by helicopter, fresh from a qualifying session for the Easter Sunday European Grand Prix. The two winners each won a Mega CD, a VIP trip to the British Grand Prix at Silverstone and automatic entry to the Sega European Championship in Germany in November. As a special bonus Karl was given a pair of Alain Prost's driving gloves while Alan received Damon Hill's driving helmet.

Karl told Sonic The Comic that he was '...surprised and pleased' to win the final. He thought he'd only make it into the top three.

'I found this Challenge harder than last year's,' he told STC, 'especially Sonic 2, which gave me more trouble than I thought.'

Karl is looking forward to the European Championship. He knows the German Champion (current Sega Euro Champion title holder) well and has played him on TV's Gamesmaster.

Finalists on the 'starting grid' at the UK Sega Challenge 1993

Chris Evans and Violet Berlin, hosting the Challenge

Karl Roberts, 1993 UK Senior Sega Champion, is congratulated by Damon Hill

Celebs

STC was also able to grab a few moments with Chris Evans and Violet Berlin to get their reactions to the Challenge.

Violet told STC that she thought it was a, '...good show'.

'I thought the seniors were especially great,' she went on, 'especially on Thunderforce IV, which is a really hard game.'

Chris also enjoyed the event but admitted that he was really impressed with all the racing cars on show.

'However, I loved it when Damon Hill dropped in on us by helicopter. That was great.'

Short Bursts

STRIKE TWO!

Jungle Strike, the eagerly awaited follow-up to Electronic Art's Desert Strike (EA's biggest-selling Mega Drive title ever!) should be in the shops on July 9th. Nine missions (each with sub-missions), four different craft, 16 megs of data (twice that of Desert Strike) make Jungle Strike a Mega Drive release worth holding your breath for.

ANYTHING FOR LURVE

B.O.B., your average street-wise, cool alien android, has a hot date on the other side of the galaxy. It doesn't help, then, when he crash lands on the Planet Goth. To make his romantic encounter he must battle his way through a multitude of platforms, puzzles and hazardous life forms. There are three worlds to conquer and over 45 levels of passion-killing danger in this new Mega Drive title from Electronic Arts. B.O.B. crashes in on July 23rd.

HARD COPY HERO

Fingers seized up from playing too much Sonic The Hedgehog? Give them a rest and put your wits to work with two new Sonic The Hedgehog Adventure Gamebooks out in June from Faintail Books. Based on a similar format to the popular Fighting Fantasy series of books, the Gamebooks provide interactive play with Sonic, Tails, Robotnik and the whole crew. The first two books, 'Metal City Mayhem' and 'Zone Rangers', cost just £3.99 each.

The Legend of the
GOLDEN AXE
Citadel of Dead Souls
Part 1
WHEN THE DWARF GILIUS-THUNDERHEAD, THE BARBARIAN AX-BATTLER AND THE AMAZON TYRIS-FLARE DEFEATED THE EVIL EMPEROR DARK GULD AND RETURNED THE SACRED GOLDEN AXE TO THE KING OF YURIA, THEY THOUGHT THEIR TROUBLES TO BE AT AN END...
AW, NO! HOW DO WE GET IN THESE SITUATIONS?
I'M READY FOR TROUBLE!
WELL, I AIN'T! IT'S LUNCH-TIME!
SSTRIKE, BROTHERS!
HERE, LIZARD CHOPS! HAVE A RAT-BURGER!
CAN'T YOU SEE I'M TRYING TO DO SOME SHOPPING HERE, YOU CREEPS?
GAKK!
SHISHASH!
Script: Mark Eyles Art: Mike White Lettering: Ellita Fell

UGHug...
SSHUCK!
HEY, I JUST REALISED...
...THERE'S NO NEED TO WASTE A PERFECTLY GOOD RATBURGER!
HOLD! ENOUGH OF YOUR CHILDISH PRATTLE!
MINOTAURS, TAKE THE BRUTE AND THE DWARF. HURT THEM — BUT LEAVE THEM ALIVE!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF TYRIS-FLARE.
GULD'S BREATH, TYRIS! NOW WHAT?
LOOKS BAD. USE LOW-LEVEL SPELLS.
POWER OF FIRE I COMMAND THEE!
POWER OF AIR I COMMAND THEE!
POWER OF EARTH I COMMAND THEE!

KRACK!
IS THAT THE BEST YOU CAN DO? YOUR MAGIC IS WEAK!
MINOTAURS, REPEL ATTACK!
PUFF!
SHUCKUSHUCKUSH!
HUR, HUR. DWARF PLAY GAME!
THUD!
GOT ANY BETTER IDEAS, TYR... UH...
AX! GET UP. THIS IS NOT TIME TO...
HE'S DEAD, TYRIS. NEVER MIND, YOU AND THE SHORT ONE WILL DO.
HIIYYA!
TYRIS LAUNCHED INTO HER SOMERSAULT KICK...
...FOLLOWED BY THE DOUBLE JUMP SLASH.
WHA... UNNF!
RAAARGH!
ZZISS
KKRASHH!

BUT...
DEMONS OF SERPENTS, I COMMAND YOU - GIVE LIFE TO YON ROPES...
"...SO THEY MAY BIND OUR FOES."
WHAT? UH, CAN'T MOVE!
MOMENTS LATER.
I AM RIGIA MORTIUS, CAPTAIN OF THE SORCERER BLACKSPELL'S ELITE GUARD.
GORGON'S ARMPIT! TRUST A SORCERESS TO PICK ON A DEFENCELESS SOUL LIKE ME!
NEVER HEARD OF THE DRONGO. SO WHO'S THE ROPE CHARMER?
HEY, PUT ME DOWN! I GET NOSE BLEEDS!
YOU HAVE A VILE TONGUE, SHORT ONE! I AM UL-TIMA, DISCIPLE OF SORCERER BLACKSPELL, THE GREAT NECROMANCER!
YOU ARE ALIVE ONLY BECAUSE YOU HAVE THE HONOUR OF BEING USEFUL TO HIM.
AX! THEY'RE LEAVING HIM BEHIND!
YOU ASK ME, THE BIG LUMP'S BETTER OFF. WE'RE IN SOME SERIOUS DOO-DOO!
SOME HOURS LATER.
WELCOME TO THE CITADEL OF DEAD SOULS!
I'M HUNGRY. GOT ANY BEETLE SOUP? STUFFED MICE?
NO, BUT I KNOW WHERE I CAN GET SOME FRIED LIZARD!

WITHIN THE CITADEL THE SANCTUM SANCTORUM OF SORCERER BLACKSPELL HOLDS A CHILLING SURPRISE...
TH-THE GOLDEN AXE!
AYE, TYRIS-FLARE. THE SYMBOL OF POWER IN THE YURIAN LANDS AND BEYOND!
IT WAS STOLEN FOR ME FROM THE KING OF YURIA. WITH IT I SHALL CREATE AN EMPIRE!
SO HOW DO WE FIGURE IN THIS 'GRAND PLAN', SORCERER?
GAZE INTO MY SCRYING-POOL, GILIUS-THUNDERHEAD. WATCH AS ONE YOU THOUGHT DEAD IS PREPARED FOR NEW LIFE!
HE WILL LEAD MY CONQUERING ARMIES, ONCE ONE OF YOU WHO KILLED HIM IS SACRIFICED TO AWAKEN HIS SOUL!
BY ALL THE GODS, TYRIS-THAT'S DARK GUILD!
YOU ARE TRULY MAD, BLACKSPELL. DARK GUILD SERVES NO ONE! RETURN HIM TO LIFE AND HE'LL HAVE YOUR BRAINS FOR BREAKFAST!
OUR DEATHS WILL BE POINTLESS!
BACK AT THE VILLAGE.
THE WARRIOR LOOKS DEAD. WHAT'LL WE DO WITH HIM?
BURN 'IM.
NAH. LET'S GRIND HIS BONES TO FEED THE ANIMALS!

NEXT ISSUE: **INTO THE CATACOMBS!**

Q Zone

Q is for Question.
Q is for Query.
Q is for Quandary.
Enter the Q Zone for hints, tips and help with your favourite Sega games.

Welcome indeed to the Q Zone, a place of help and solutions to those really difficult games. Our operators are standing by to answer your problems. Drop a line to the Q-Zone with your query. Alternatively, share a hint, tip or solution with your fellow gamers. All are welcome.

Our regular service will begin very soon. Meantime, here is a selection of hints and tips to keep you hassle free and game friendly!

GOLDEN AXE Tips

MD

• Level Select: Select a one player game and hold down left with A and C. Let go for 9 Continues. Additionally hold B, START and LEFT for a level select.

MS

• Extra Continues - Press UP, LEFT and button 2 to start at any stage.

REVENGE OF SHINOBI Tips

MD

• Infinite Shurikens: Go to the Options screen and select 00 Shurikens. Wait about one minute and the two zeros will join up and turn into the infinity label. You'll now have infinite numbers of Shurikens.

GG

• Extra life: In the second part of the woodland go to the top of the tower where the pole sticks out, stand on the right facing left, jump up and fire. An extra life will appear.

MS

• More Continues: After you lose all your continues you can get another if you press UP, LEFT and button 1 together.

GOLDEN AXE 2 Tips

MD

• Gain Magic Units: Fight the first Boss holding down A. Release A at the camp fires, but don't attack anything. Gives you 200 Magic Units.

• Level Select: Press A, B, C and START during the opening titles. Select Options, keep holding A and press B and C until you get to the character select screen. Hold A, UP, B, and C - you now have a level select.

ROAD RASH 2

Codes & Tips

MD

CODE	BIKE	MONEY	LEVEL
OFUI 34TR	SHURIKEN TT250	$20,410	3
OFIA 39TA	BANZAI 7.11	$19,410	3
OP1I 4SKO	DIABLO 1000	$30,810	4
OCTQ 4JAG	DIABLO 1000N	$17,730	4
OH4R 55OH	DIABLO 1000	$20,930	5

• Level codes: This is currently the best motorbike game available on Sega. These five codes will give you loads of money and more powerful bikes.

To race on any level with any motorbike, firstly go to the player mode select screen and choose MANO A MANO. Then choose the bike shop and select your favourite. Next select the player mode screen and choose TAKE TURNS, and from that choose SOLO. Finally pick your track and hey presto!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2

Tips

MD

• Collect all Emeralds: To collect all seven Chaos Emeralds on the first zone go to the Options screen and select the mode you wish to play in (Sonic alone, Tails alone or both together), then press START. Collect 50+ rings and go to the first Star Post to get to the Special Stage where you collect the first emerald. When you return press RESET. Go to the Options screen again, press START, collect 50+ rings and return to the Star Post. You should find you are now in the second stage of the Special Zone. Complete this and you will have two emeralds. Keep repeating this sequence until you have collected all seven emeralds.

ALIEN 3

Tips

MS

• Infinite lives: Choose CONFIGURE on the title screen then select 2 PLAYERS. Now start the game and lose all of your lives then go back to the CONFIGURE screen and choose CONTINUE, and then start jumping in the air because the Aliens can't kill you anymore!

Q Zone Game Gurus: Tony Takoushi and David Gibbon

game genie update

Got a Game Genie (if not, why not)? Got a Mega Drive? Then you'll find these new codes mega useful!

Special thanks to those friendly folk at Hornby Hobbies for supplying the Game Genie codes

ECCO THE DOLPHIN

Almost infinite air	AKRTJA64
Protection from most enemies, including octopus	AL2AJA7L+ ALZAJA5Y+ AAVTNAFC
Octopus is fatal	HAVTNAFC
School of fish restores health completely	HCBTLAEW
Jellyfish and other enemies restore health instead of taking it away	SW2AKGPJ+ HC2AJAFL
Jellyfish and other enemies restore air instead of taking it away	SW2AKGPJ+ TC2AJGFL+ E42AJAFN

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2

Loads of codes for this mega-selling sequel. Here's just a taster. More next issue.

Start with 99 lives	NN3TAACL
Each ring worth 80+ rings	SCRAB9X0
Each ring worth 25,000+ rings!	SCRABCX0
Mega jump	BDLTAAGL
Need 1 ring to become Super Sonic	AGZTCACJ + ACZTCACA
Need 10 rings to become Super Sonic	BLZTCACJ + ACZTCACA
Infinite lives (player 1)	JW3ACA4J
Infinite lives (player 2)	JXGACA7G

STREETS OF RAGE 2

Some of the codes for this chart-busting game. Watch for the Streets of Rage comic strip - coming to STC soon!

Start with 5 lives (player 1)	WJ0ABECT
Start with 9 lives (player 1)	LV0ABECT
Start with 5 lives (player 2)	WK0ABEG8+ WL5ABEBA
Start with 9 lives (player 2)	LV0ABEG8+ LW5ABEBA
Start with 6 continues (player 1)	AZ1AAAA2
Start with 6 continues (player 2)	AZ1AAADR
Infinite lives (both players)	AW7TAA7J
Apple restores more energy on pick-up	JKFAAAHA
Cash bag worth 10,000	ABFTACAY
Gold bar worth 10,000	ABFTACA2

SPECIAL SNEAK PREVIEW SECTION
A hint of comic action coming soon to Sonic The Comic!
Axel, Blaze, Max. They quit a corrupt police force to bring justice to the dangerous streets of a city gone bad. Find out how it all began is this all-new series based on the mega-selling games.
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STREETS OF RAGE

SPECIAL SNEAK PREVIEW SECTION

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Berserker, Red Stealth, Maniaxe, Cyclone and more - meet the kid who knows them all because he is all of them! Meet Kid Chameleon. Join KC as he dons the special helmets that turn him into amazing heroes. Watch him as he enters the virtual world of Wild Side to rescue his kidnapped pals.

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He's escaped the Dragon's Trap, defeated Monster World but can Wonder Boy survive Demon World? Find out as Shion battles Grimomen the Demon Lord who's out to 'recruit' workers for his evil schemes in Demon World.

WONDER BOY

New series begins
NEXT ISSUE!
Miss it at your peril

Got a favourite game character you'd like to see in his own Sonic The Comic series? Drop a line to Megadroid or fill in the special Data Strip at the back of this issue.

SPEEDLINES

Dash off a letter, draw a quick sketch. In short, let everyone know what you like (or loathe!) about STC.

Send your letters and drawings to:
Speedlines, Sonic The Comic,
25/31 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9SU.

Write your name, address and Sega system (MD, MCD, MS or GG) clearly. Remember, every letter and drawing printed wins a Segasational prize!

Cheap enough to Chomp

Dear Sonic The Comic,

Wow! Great, mega! This what I've been waiting for! My Mum just got me the special preview issue of SONIC THE COMIC and I had to write straight away to say that this is the very thing that's been missing from my empty little life!

The best part about it is the price. This means I can buy STC every fortnight and still manage to trough my way through 48 packets of Wotsits. Great!

I am quite good at drawing at school and was wondering if I sent in some pictures, would you print them? It would be good if you had a readers' drawing page.

I can't wait for the first issue.

STEVEN CURLEY, MANCHESTER. GG. SONIC BADGE WINNER.

So, what do you think of it, Steven? Pretty Segasational, huh? As for readers' drawings, well check out this page. The more the merrier, that's what I say. As for your drawings, well, I hope they're good. Scoffing 48 packets of Wotsits every two weeks isn't recommended for budding artists!

Last of the Dinosaurs

Dear STC,

Not *another* computer magazine! Aren't there any other subjects that young people want to read about these days? I can't believe that you're poisoning the world with more of this mindless junk.

I know you won't print this letter because it's not complimentary. I just thought you ought to know how damaging and narrow-minded all this computer technology is becoming. I hope your 'comic' falls flat on its face!

MR OLDFASH, BASINGSTOKE. NO BADGE WINNER!

Lighten up, Oldfash. You're not reading another computer magazine. Sonic The Comic is a first, a new comic for the new video game age. If it's excitement you want, I suggest you stick to Fly Fishing by J.R. Hartley.

Shinobi is Gear

Dear Sonic The Comic,

I've just got a Game Gear. I would like to know if there are any cheats for Shinobi. I would love it if you could answer this question.

ANDREW CUMMINGS, CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.
SONIC BADGE WINNER.

Hi, Andrew. Check out The Q Zone for hints and tips on all the top Sega games. I've logged your request into our databanks so hopefully you'll get an answer very soon.

Sonic the Story

Dear Sonic,

I have written you a story:

CHAPTER ONE

One morning Sonic was coming home and down from the sky came a fox. "What is your name?" said Sonic.

"It is Tails," said the fox.

"Why do they call you Tails?"

"Because I have two tails," answered the fox.

"Would you like to come home with me and tell me about yourself?" asked Sonic. Tails said he would.

CHAPTER TWO

Sonic opened the door to his house. "Let's look around first and then we'll sit down and you can tell me all about yourself," he said to Tails.

Sonic was telling Tails about an evil man when Tails looked out the door and saw Dr Robotnik. Dr Robotnik grabbed Tails and Sonic went running after them and got Tails back.

When they got back to the house Sonic untied Tails and they both lived happily ever after.

LOUISE ROBSON (AGE 6), LONG HANBOROUGH, OXON. MD. SONIC BADGE WINNER.

Many thanks, Louise. I've passed your excellent story on to Sonic who says you'll make a great writer for this comic when you get a bit older. By the way, Tails said he liked his bit of the story.

IAN'S BROTHER'S GAME GEAR
Drawn by Ian Cummings, Writtle, Essex.
Sonic badge winner.

Get Printed + Win a Prize!

It's true! Every letter and drawing appearing on this page wins a Segasational prize! Yes, this brilliant SONIC 2 BADGE - exclusive to STC - can be yours! Commemorating the earth-shattering appearance of the second Sonic The Hedgehog game the badge shows Sonic and Tails, is made of metal and has a snazzy clutch pin fitting. Be the coolest Sonic Boomer in your area - get writing and drawing now!

NEXT ISSUE

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ADDRESS.....

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.....AGE.....

HOT-SHOTS ONLY!

Enter your high score or achievement here!

GAME.....

SCORE/ACHIEVEMENT

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SYSTEM:- (please tick)

MD ☐ MS ☐ GG ☐ MCD ☐

GAME INTO STRIP

What SEGA game would you like to see as a STC strip in the future?

I THINK.....

.....

would make a great comic strip in STC

MEGA HITS THIS ISSUE!

List your three favourite stories in this issue in order of preference

1.....

2.....

3.....

HOW DO YOU RATE THIS ISSUE OF STC?

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